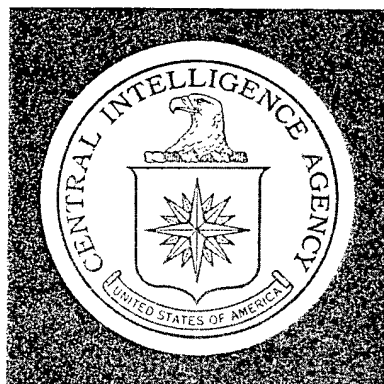


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Extremists within the junta are pressing Premier Papadopoulos for a less moderate attitude toward the exiled King and for a diplomatic confrontation with the country's allies over their failure to recognize the regime.

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Premier Papadopoulos appears to be under increasing pressure from junta extremists because of his "conciliatory" attitude toward King Constantine and what some of them see as his "fawning" for Western support. Papadopoulos views the intrajunta struggle with concern, but is confident that he can put down the younger officers either by making those who want to stay in their ministerial posts resign their commissions, or by returning them to powerless positions in the military.

King Constantine's abortive countercoup last December and his subsequent departure from Greece are still troubling the junta's already cool relations with the country's allies. The King's absence complicates recognition of a government whose head of state is in exile. The junta is obviously sensitive to this situation, but so far has avoided a diplomatic confrontation over the question. [REDACTED]

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Papadopoulos may be forced to adopt a more "independent" stance if relations with Greece's friends are not formalized soon. Most of the criticism appears to be focused on the US.

King Constantine's future still is very much in doubt. The junta apparently wants him to stay in exile at least until after the planned referendum on the new constitution. Regime spokesmen indicate that the referendum will be held by 15 September 1968. No definite date has been announced yet for possible general elections.

The draft constitution as it now stands shows little basic change from the 1952 version, which was suspended after the coup in April 1967. The King's power is downgraded somewhat, a new constitutional court has been proposed, and freedom of the press, assembly, association, and other civil rights are more strictly defined. The power of the executive was not strengthened to the degree expected by some observers. Members of the government presently are commenting on the draft.

Andreas Papandreou, the regime's most prominent detainee before his release on Christmas eve, is now in Europe. The junta did not oppose his departure from Greece, probably hoping to undercut foreign criticism of his detention. [REDACTED]

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